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COMOR-M-18

## COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 207

Pentagon Annex 3

at 1:30 pm, 28 March 1961

## PRESIDING

James Q. Reber

Chairman

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Col. L. E. May, USAF

Deputy Chairman

Mr. H. M. Wiedemann, State

Mr. M. E. Mitchell, OSD

Lt. Col. W. C. Herrington, JCS.

Col. J. W. Boucher, OACSI

Cdr. H. D. Myles, ONI

Col. J. W. Winterbottom, AFCIN

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## CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Mr. R. E. Adcock, ODDR&amp;E

Maj. J. D. Bowlby, OACSI

Lt. Col. J. W. Morris, OACSI

Maj. G. S. Chapman, AFCIN

Maj. S. J. Moran, AFCIN

Mr. F. A. Voigt, CIA

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Approval of Minutes

1. The Minutes of 14 March (COMOR-M-16) were approved.

Reproduction of 30-29

2. The Chairman reported that because of a breakdown in equipment at the factory there would be a delay in the delivery of duplicate materials from Mission 3029. He stated that the materials

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for the preliminary reporting of that Mission were expected on Thursday of this week, but the other duplicate materials not until one week from Thursday. It was agreed that in the light of these circumstances the members would identify any urgent needs which might be covered by 3029. NPIC on receipt of these would, as promptly as possible, reproduce selected materials concomitant with the preliminary reporting.

### ARGON Security Handling and Duplication of Materials

3. The Chairman called attention to COMOR-D-31 "Security Handling of ARGON Materials" [redacted] and paragraph 11 of COMOR-M-14 [redacted] to refresh the minds of all participants on the ruling for security handling of ARGON materials when they become available. He summarized the essence of the foregoing: ARGON materials will be handled within the T-KH System, not in a separate compartment, but the "must know" principle will apply in granting access to ARGON materials. Likewise those who were brought into T-KH especially for ARGON purposes would not automatically be privy to CORONA materials. The "must know" principle likewise applies in this case.

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4. Mr. Adcock of ODDR&D discussed the arrangements for duplication of ARGON materials. He agreed to provide to the COMOR dissemination on a memorandum on this subject. At the moment there appeared to be no problem in regard to meeting customers' needs, although as Mr. Adcock pointed out it would not be possible to meet their needs for all duplicates as rapidly as in the case of CORONA materials. He indicated that he doubted there would be extensive intelligence to be derived but provision would be made for getting at significant items if any appeared.

5. After some discussion of the procedures on securing ARGON clearances, the Chairman stated that he would discuss the matter with the Security Officer of DPD and issue a statement to the COMOR as soon as feasible.

### T-KH Billet Operation

6. Colonel Herrington reported that the Secretary of Defense had authorized the intelligence chiefs in the DOD to be responsible for determining the T-KH billet needs of the component services.

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Colonel Herrington indicated that the JCS member of USIB was planning to discuss this matter in the USIB today, although he had as yet no report on the outcome. Pending the agreement of the USIB that the proposed expansion of T-KH billets should be initially reviewed by the USIB (apart from any subsequent approval steps which may be required), the COMOR representatives agreed to prepare submissions on the needs of their respective agencies for consideration at the USIB on 4 April.

#### Requirements for Satellite Photography

7. [ ] reviewed the plans of the working team in the preparation of requirements to guide the photographic interpretation on the next CORONA shot. After reviewing progress thus far, it was agreed that the working party would continue refinement of their work including the removal of duplication, the conformance with the standard categories of interest utilized by the military services, insuring a COMOR serial number, and exploring the possibilities of reduction of the text so that it might be accommodated on a 5 x 8 card.

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8. It was understood that the OAK report in the next shot would be directly responsive to the requirements as set forth in the working team's papers and that items of interest that were identified in the initial PI, but which were not directly responsive to the requirements, would be reported either in an addendum or in the joint Mission coverage index, except that in the event of highly significant installations or activities were discerned (not responsive to requirements) they would be included in the regular OAK or in a FLASH report as warranted.

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JAMES Q. REBER

Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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